

C.A.R.E. PROGRAM

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RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SAN DIEGO C.A.R.E. PROGRAM

Since our "C.A.R.E. Kickoff" meeting in November 2004, Assistant U.S. Trustee, Pat Boyl, gave the very first C.A.R.E. Presentation at La Jolla High School in mid-December 2004 and then again in early January 2005. Since Pat knew the principal of La Jolla High School, he took the initiative to contact the principal and explain the program's content. Pat appeared in five classrooms during the morning sessions. He reports that the students found the presentation interesting and received some good follow-up questions from the students.

El Cajon Valley High School:

- Barbara Gross and I are scheduled to make a two-hour presentation on April 13, 2005, at El Cajon Valley High School before 100+ students. We are in the process of formulating the presentation format with the high school.

University City High School:

- I'm in the process of setting up a meeting with the principal of University City High School to provide him with an overview of the program and set up a presentation date.

Future High School Presentations:

- I have just obtained a directory of all of the high schools in San Diego County and will be proceeding to contact all the principals to meet with them and provide them with information on the C.A.R.E. Program.
- If you are involved with your local high school, please contact your school's principal or guidance counselor and ask about setting up a C.A.R.E. Program presentation. I will be happy to meet with the principal to discuss the program and also make the presentation with you.
- Attached you will find a copy of a "Bankruptcy Pre-Test" and "Answer Key" which you might find helpful as a good icebreaker" to start the C.A.R.E. Program presentation. You can then review the answers during the question and answer period.

Executive Committee:

- I recently created an Executive Committee consisting of:

John Patrick Boyl
Kathleen A. Cashman-Kramer
Barbara R. Gross
Kathryn Miller
Mark L. Miller
- I would like to add two more members to the Executive Committee, whose mission would be to meet periodically with the court to evaluate feedback on the presentations as well as publicize the C.A.R.E. Program and to coordinate the program with various Sections of the County Bar Association. If you are interested in serving, please contact my judicial assistant, Karen Nickerson, at: Karen_Nickerson@casb.uscourts.gov or 619-557-6580.

United States Bankruptcy Court's C.A.R.E. Website:

- Lindsay Fong of our Court, has developed a C.A.R.E. website for the San Diego C.A.R.E. Program.
- Website address: <http://www.casb.uscourts.gov/html/care/index.htm>
- The website is truly outstanding and provides links to Judge John Ninfo's National C.A.R.E. website. It also contains the names of all attorneys and persons who have volunteered to serve in the C.A.R.E. Program as well as the various high schools they are interested in. I'm sure you'll be pleased with the information contained in the web site and we certainly welcome any suggestions and/or comments regarding any additional material which we would find helpful.

Emily Grant, New Extern:

- Emily Grant, a third-year law student at University of San Diego Law School has joined the court this Spring as an extern for the C.A.R.E. Program. Emily will assist in coordinating the initial contact with the various high schools in the County as well as developing materials for presentations and evaluating feedback. Emily's telephone number is: 619-557-6694.

Judge Ninfo Video:

- The Federal Judicial Center recently telecast a new video by Judge Ninfo on the C.A.R.E. Program. It is about a 25 minute video, parts of which depict Judge Ninfo making a presentation before a group of high school students. The video

also contains an interview with a high school principal discussing the impact of the program on the school. The principal also provides suggestions as to how contact high school principals.

- I would be delighted to present the video to all of you at Bankruptcy Court Conference Center if you are interested in viewing it. I found it to be a timely update on the program and highly recommend that you see it. Accordingly, please advise Karen Nickerson at Karen_Nickerson@casb.uscourts.gov if you are interested in viewing the 25 minute video so I can get a head count. We could do it over the lunch hour again. I will check again to see if MCLE credit is available.

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